

HOUSE RESOLUTION 238

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Montgomery Bell State Park upon its receipt of the Tennessee State Park's Excellence in Sustainability Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body salute those venerable state organizations that go above and beyond to promote sustainability and preserve the environment of this great State; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable entity is Montgomery Bell State Park, which recently received the Tennessee State Park's Excellence in Sustainability Award for its dedicated conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery Bell State Park enrolled in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Food Recovery Challenge in February 2017; and

WHEREAS, for that effort, the park established a composting program, which resulted in nearly 9,000 pounds of food waste being composted per month, saving the park \$3,638.08 in waste pick-up; and

WHEREAS, to further improve their sustainability efforts, the employees of Montgomery Bell State Park replaced 623 LED lightbulbs throughout the park, established a trash-free campground program, and revamped their recycling program; and

WHEREAS, by initiating the trash-free campground program, Montgomery Bell State Park saved a total of \$12,600 from reduced labor, trash bag, and dumpster costs; and

WHEREAS, after improving its recycling program, Montgomery Bell State Park recycled a total of 45,148 pounds of waste and received a revenue of more than \$2,800 in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has a vested interest in preserving and improving the bountiful lands we call home, and it is most appropriate for the members of this legislative

body to acknowledge and applaud Montgomery Bell State Park for carrying that mantle in such an exemplary fashion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Montgomery Bell State Park upon its receipt of the Tennessee State Park's Excellence in Sustainability Award, salute the park's stalwart conservation efforts, and extend to each park employee our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.